

Enhancements to 278N Maternity Admissions

UnitedHealthcare recently made some improvements to Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) 278N notification submissions for maternity admissions. These changes will allow us to reduce your need to contact us for further clarification. Please ensure your system is set up to send the appropriate service code for each of the following notification types. You may need to share this information with your software vendor, clearinghouse or internal IT department.

General Maternity Admission Requirements

Admission notification from acute care hospitals allows coordination for programs related to the care setting, discharge plan and referral to after-care programs. Please make sure the following admission requirements are met for UnitedHealthcare members:

- Admission notification is required within 24 hours of all inpatient admissions.
- Part of the requirement of inpatient admissions includes maternity admissions for mothers and newborn intensive care unit (NICU) admissions when a baby is required to stay at the hospital after the mother has gone home. Notifications are only required for sick/NICU newborns.

Well-Baby Admission

For well-baby admissions, please indicate service type code 68 (UM03=68) on the 278N transaction. We'll return an electronic message for the facility's records advising notification isn't required.

EDI 278N transaction example:

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M1*IL*1*MEMBER*NAME****MI*123456789
REF*6P*123456
DMG*D8*19890511*F
HL*4*3*EV*0
UM*AR*I*68*11:A
DTP*435*D8*20190703
CL1*3*2
```

Sick Baby NICU Admission

For sick baby NICU admissions indicate service type code NI (UM03=NI) on the 278N transaction. Notification is required.

EDI 278N transaction example:

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M1*IL*1*MEMBER*NAME****MI*123456789
REF*6P*123456
DMG*D8*19850511*F
HL*4*3*EV*0
UM*AR*I*NI*11:A
DTP*435*D8*20190703
CL1*3*2
```

Normal Maternity Admission

For normal maternity admissions indicate service type code 69 (UM03=69) on the 278N transaction. We'll return an electronic message for the facility's records advising notification isn't required.

EDI 278N transaction example:

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M1*IL*1*MEMBER*NAME****MI*123456789
REF*6P*123456
DMG*D8*19850511*F
HL*4*3*EV*0
UM*AR*I*69*11:A
DTP*435*D8*20190703
CL1*3*2
```

Notice of Discharge

For notice of discharge, indicate service type code 1 (UM03=1) on the 278N transaction.

EDI 278N transaction example:

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UM*AR*I*1*11:A
DTP*435*D8*20190529
DTP*096*D8*20190601
CL1*3
MSG*AT=064400;DC=15;ICD=MATERNITY
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Support

If you have questions, please contact 278 EDI Operations at 278N@uhc.com or 888-804-0663. Visit UHCprovider.com/edi for more information on 278N, 278 and 278I transactions.

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